PRESIDENT.

I cannot allow that.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Then I withdraw that, Sir.

Mr. A. SANKARA PUDUVAL.

Under Rule 17 no discussion shall be permitted upon a question.

PRESIDENT.

No discussion can be permitted

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

154. Will the Government be pleased to inform the emergent nature of the cases for the training in the Police School of these newly selected gentlemen that made them to authorise the expenditure thereof without placing their proposals before this House for the appropriation of revenue in the form of a demand for an extra grant?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

At the time of the budget session the question of sending the men was under correspondence. As the classes opened during the middle of Thulam 1101, the matter could not be postponed for the consideration of the Council to Vrischigam. The items of expenditure to be incurred for the training are also mostly non-votable.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

155. Will the Government be pleased to further inform their reasons for not taking this House into their confidence, and for not consulting them with reference to these new appointments, and also their reasons for not making any mention of these in the budget for 1101 (1925—26)?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is referred to the answer to the question No. 154.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

I have a supplementary question. I ask: What were the proposals before the Government and what were the reasons of the Government for not taking into their confidence this Council? Merely referring me to the answer to question No. 154 is not enough.

Mr. T. K. KRISHNA MENON.

The one hour allotted under the rules for Questions and Answers is over. Shall we go on with Questions and Answers?

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PRESIDENT.

If the rules allow, we shall continue.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The answer given to me was to refer to question No. 154. Now, that is noa nswer to this question about the reasons for not including their proposals in the budget. Any anticipated expenditure comes in the budget. I ask: What were the reasons for not placing before us the expenditure anticipated to take place in the year? No reasons have been given. I ask you whether this is the answer to this question? If not, what are the reasons? It is seen from the answer to question No. 154 that the question at the budget session was under correspondence, and then three months afterwards, they were selected and sent. That also must have been known to the Government. If so, what were the reasons for not placing it before the House? And the answer to the question is that most of the items were non-votable. Even non-votable items have to be placed before the House. If this item is placed before the House, we would have discussed the matter.

PRESIDENT.

Do non-votable items come up for discussion?

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

We could have had a general discussion on any item, votable or non-votable.

PRESIDENT.

If you touch upon non-votable items in the course of the discussion, it may seem that you discuss the budget with reference to the non-votable items. Whether such discussion is allowed or not I cannot say.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

We have a right.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Non-votable items could be discussed, but could not be voted upon. It is open to members to say that it cannot be allowed by the Council, and so it is to the Government in the light of the general discussion to accept the view of the Council or not This is an advisory Council, and so the Government can act up to the advice given by it.

What was the reason for not bringing it to the notice of the House?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The question was pending, and the Government were not sure that it will come up even in 1101. They were not sure.

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So they did not bring it. The correspondence was going on for a long time, and they were not sure whether it will come up in 1101.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

156. Will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have received any memorials, petitions, etc., from the men in the Police force, and whether they have perused writings in newspapers indicating discontent amongst the superior staff of the Police force, by the import of fresh men to man the higher posts ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Government have received petitions, and also perused the writings in newspapers ; but they are not convinced that there is room for any reasonable discontent among the superior staff of the Police force.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Whether they are aware of the discontent has not yet been answered.

PRESIDENT.

We are to take notice of only reasonable discontent. We are to take only reasonable criticisms, but not unreasonable criticisms. Others are not worth notice.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

157. Will the Government be pleased to further inform what proposals, if any, they have before them at present for incurring expenditure not provided in the budget ?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The member is again referred to the last part of the answer to question No 154.

The necessary expenditure has been sanctioned as additional allotment.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

The answer is I must refer to the answer to question No. 154. That answer particularly refers to Policemen. This is a general question that I have asked. My other questions refer only to the Police. If they have no other proposals, they could say they have not.

PRESIDENT.

Is it a general question or a particular question?

Mr. A. B SALEM.

It is a general question. I ask why the matter was not placed along with the budget before the Council. I have no

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